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Mr. SPEAKER :—" What the hon. Member meant was that at present the M.L.As. are poor people. He was not able to express this and therefore he said ' lowest category '. The hon. Member never meant any disrespect to any other hon. Member."

11-10 a.m. Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, will the Government extend this concession to the hon. Members of the Legislature at least when they are in Madras when the Legislature is in session? "

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" My question has not been answered, Sir? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I am told that the Hon. the Minister for Health has not answered hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar's question."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, hon. Members of the Legislature are intelligent enough to take better care of their health."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Will the hon. Member, Sri V. Balakrishnan, please repeat his question? "

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to extend this concession to hon. Members of the Legislature at least when the Legislature is in session? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, some arrangement is proposed to be made for hon. Members staying in the Government hostel."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I submit, that my question has not yet been answered. The poor relatives of hon. Members of the Legislature are denied free treatment, for which they would otherwise be eligible, for the simple reason that they happen to belong to the family of an hon. Member of the Legislature."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Hon. Members of the Legislature are receiving a monthly salary and also allowances. The concessions which are given to other people according to their means are also extended to the hon. Members of the Legislature and their families."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" It is not quite so, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It is already ten minutes past eleven. I will pass on to the next question."

Submission of annual returns by the managements of certain factories.

* 252 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what action the Government have taken against the 3,454 factories in the State which

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failed to submit their annual returns even though the Government asked for the same, as mentioned in the report of the working of the Payment of Wages Act in the State of Madras for the year 1952?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Prosecution was launched against the Paymaster in one of the factories for non-submission of annual returns. The employers in the remaining factories were warned that prosecution would be launched against them if they failed to submit the returns in time in future."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, may I know why the Government have launched prosecution against only one factory owner and why they have only warned the other factory owners? Are the Government satisfied with the replies given by the other factory owners? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government was advised that in the case of the one prosecuted, there was sufficiently serious evidence but in regard to the other factories—most of them are small factories like coffee-hotels, handloom factories, beedi factories, etc., which have been newly brought under this Act—the managements have in many cases, expressed difficulty in submitting the returns on the plea that the account books were with the Income-tax authorities or with the Commercial Taxes Department or there had been a change in the management. So, we thought that a warning was sufficient and I understand that the matter has been rectified to a very great extent."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, of all the States in India, the average wage in factories in the State of Madras is the lowest. Is it for this reason, namely, that if all these returns are submitted, the average wage would be much lower than any other State, that the Government are not taking any firm action in this matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Without committing myself to the facts as stated by the hon. Member, I straightway deny that that is not the case."

* 253 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, this question may be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes. I will take up the next question No. 254."

* 254 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Sir, this question can also be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Both the questions will be taken up to-morrow."